

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2016
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

Mayor Michel called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Council Members Present: Jim Schmidt, Erika Vohman, Chris Ladoulis, Roland Mason, Laura Mitchell, and Paul Merck

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager Bill Crank, Town Attorney John Belkin, and Town Planner Michael Yerman

Chief Marshal Tom Martin, Public Works Director Rodney Due, Building and Zoning Director Bob Gillie, Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, Finance Director Lois Rozman, and Parks and Recreation Director Janna Hansen (all for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schmidt moved and Merck seconded a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) May 16, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.**
- 2) Resolution No. 13, Series 2016 - Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Award of a Consulting Services Agreement for Architectural Services for the Four-Way Transit and Restroom Facilities to Andrew Hadley Architect, P.C., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000.00.**
- 3) Resolution No. 14, Series 2016 - Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Certifying the Plat of Belleview Renaissance Subdivision, Lots 21 -24, Block 63, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado.**
- 4) Resolution No. 15, Series 2016 - Resolutions of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Revocable License Agreement to Coal Creek Investments, LLC for Portions of Lots 2-6, Block 29, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado.**
- 5) 2015 Audit**
- 6) Bridges of the Butte 24-Hour Townie Tour, from Noon on June 25 to Noon on June 26, 2016 Closing Parking on the South Side of Elk Avenue with Basecamp in the Parking Lot at the Center for the Arts.**

7) Crested Butte Art Market Closing the 0 Block of Elk Avenue from 8AM to 4PM on Sundays from June 19 to July 31 and from August 14 to August 21, 2016.

8) Alpenglow Summer Concert Series in Town Park on Mondays Starting June 27 through August 15, 2016.

9) Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Crested Butte and Town of Crested Butte Municipal Court Judge, Ben Eden.

Merck moved and Mason seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF UPDATES

Lynelle Stanford

- Mentioned that Black and White Ball and Arts Fest would be the next two events on the agenda, and she listed upcoming events that had been administratively approved.
- Matchstick Productions withdrew their application for an event on Elk in September.
- Asked the Council if they wanted to forgo work sessions for the meetings when there would be Alpenglow. Michel said they would discuss later in the meeting under scheduling of upcoming work sessions.

Lois Rozman

- Stated that the First Quarter Financial Summary was included in the packets.
- Sales tax was down for April. They were missing filing from marijuana dispensaries, and one was significantly behind.
- Asked the Council to appoint two members to the grant committee. The spring grant cycle applications were in, and there had been about \$58,000 requested with \$16,000 available to grant. Michel and Schmidt had been on the committee in the past. Rozman said they had to pick a time to meet.
- The audit had been approved on the Consent Agenda.
- Thanked the Council for their time last week with the consultant (regarding hiring the Town Manager).
- Pointed out in the audit, that in 2014, they did just over \$700,000 in capital improvements. In 2015, they did \$2.4M in capital improvements.

Michael Yerman

- Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) came for an official certification site visit last week.

- This Wednesday, June 8, there would be a housing meeting at 8:30AM regarding the housing crunch.
- There would be a meeting at Town Hall on June 13 at 6PM on the Crested Butte to Carbondale trail.
- The lottery for Blocks 79 and 80 would be held on June 21 at Noon at Town Hall.

Bob Gillie

- Gillie, Hansen, Yerman, and Minneman spent time with the people from the Center for the Arts last week to provide feedback on the architecture and to better plan the site. They would have another work session with BOZAR on the 14th on the site planning with the intent of a formal submittal in July.
- The short-term rental committee met, and they had a lot of topics to discuss.

Janna Hansen

- The County would be spraying for weeds on Monday the 13th. They would spray the outskirts of Town including the gravel pit and public works yard.
- The tennis courts were looking great. The asphalt had been pushed back to the week of the 13th. She was still working with the resurfacing company to determine when they would be here, but they were looking at mid-July.
- They had been working on design and plans for the bike park. They hoped to have them completed this summer.
- The flowers were here, and they should be out in the next couple of weeks.
- Softball would start tomorrow.
- Youth programs would start next week for the summer season.
- Merck commented that the tennis courts were busy. Hansen said they were playable, and the bubbling was only visible after rain.

Rodney Due

- Crews had been crack sealing throughout Town.
- Crews would also be slurry sealing.
- GCEA was ready to do a ribbon cutting ceremony (for the electric vehicle charging station).

Tom Martin

- Reported that a person drove her car into Coal Creek this weekend. The car remained upright, and the driver was able to exit and swim to shore. She was arrested for careless driving and DUI.
- He submitted his formal letter of retirement effective October 6. The timeline allowed for the opportunity for the hiring process. He recommended Mike Reily for the next Chief. He stated it was an honor and privilege to serve.

Bill Crank

- Explained the process and timing related to his position for hiring the Chief Marshal as laid out in the Code, and he offered the opportunity for anyone on Council to speak to him individually concerning the hiring.

- He had not heard anything from the County regarding the letter on the Foxtrot conditions.
- He sent a diagram to the Meadows of work the Town's crew could do. The work could consist of walkways, dry wells, and rocks to separate parking from private property.
- He expected to hear back from the consultant this week or early next week on the (manager) profile. Then, they would advertise, depending on where the Council wanted. He estimated they would be in a position to make a decision around the third week of August.
- Brought up the discussion of paving strips on 3rd Street. Due thought he had enough to pave in his budget, but the additional paving would interfere with the scheduling of the public works crew and would affect other projects that were already scheduled. He thought it was a discussion to be had at budget time in order to triage the areas to pave.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion and Possible Approval of the ARTumn Festival Closing the 0 Block of Elk Avenue from September 17 to September 18, 2016.

Stanford explained the event was on the regular agenda instead of the Consent Agenda because there had been a discussion between resident Lucy Zavala and the event organizer concerning issues that had occurred associated with the event last year. Correspondence between the two was included in the packet, and both were present at the meeting.

Steven Wallis, the event organizer and director of Colorado Events, introduced himself to the Council. He reported to live at 938 Wagonwheel Gap Road in Boulder. He stated that he found the location in the 0 Block of Elk to work perfectly. His event didn't interfere with traffic problems or commerce. He stated he would no longer have music at the event. Michel recalled there was concern about camping in tents. Wallis stated they were definitely not camping. Michel then asked Wallis if he was a good neighbor who was sensitive to the neighborhood. Wallis said the coffee shop on the block had given their seal of approval, and he wanted to think of himself as a good neighbor. Schmidt questioned if the vendors would be from outside of Town. Wallis answered they were primarily from Colorado, and he would offer a discount to people living within the County. Wallis confirmed for Mitchell it was a juried event, and he tried to maintain a high standard with a good mix of vendors.

Lucy Zavala, who resides at 31 Elk Ave, told the Council it seemed like the event just showed up. She said the vendors were rude, and they yelled at her when she tried to mow her lawn. She told vendors they couldn't use her water to fill their water anchors. This event put her over the edge. They didn't respect her on her property, and she was voicing concerns. Zavala felt that the 0 Block was a dumping ground for whatever people wanted to do. They were not nice neighbors. Schmidt confirmed with Wallis that he would be present for the event.

It was opened to Council discussion. Schmidt thought it was important that Zavala had Wallis's card as a contact person. Ladoulis wondered if the event could move closer to the center of Town, and he wondered if Wallis saw it growing. Wallis recognized a space limitation, but he said the event was close to sold out. He could fulfill a bigger space, but he was happy with where he was. Schmidt saw a difference in that someone from out of Town was coming in and using the street to market for his own profit. He asked Rozman how much sales tax was generated. Wallis said his event was successful and well received. They were a non-profit, and the vendors generated revenue for Town. Mitchell questioned Wallis further on how he submitted sales tax, and Vohman questioned if non-profit organizations could have free booths. Vohman also asked Martin to check on camping during the event.

Mitchell moved and Mason seconded a motion to approve the ARTumn Festival closing the 0 Block of Elk Avenue from September 17 to 18, 2016. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Update from the Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Eliza Cress.

Cress had reviewed the Chamber's agreement with the Town, and she offered to report to the Council after each event.

Cress provided a breakdown in her report:

Butte Bucks:

- The Chamber received a \$4,000 grant from Town and \$5,500 from Mt. Crested Butte.
- They wanted to end up with a program that was self-sustaining. She mentioned how many coins were sold and the income that was generated. They had issues with disappearing coins, which resulted in them adding a statement in the handbook to address money handling amongst employees.
- Michel asked when Butte Bucks would be self-sufficient. Cress said they were two years in, and they would be self-sufficient in five years. Schmidt asked what the goal was of Butte Bucks, and if they were achieving that goal. Cress explained they were incentivizing spending during the holidays in Town. Ladoulis asked who would be disappointed if Butte Bucks disappeared. Cress said it would be locals.

Bike Week

- The Town granted \$3,500.
- They used grant funds towards marketing to include photography, promotion, and newspaper ads.
- She reviewed participation in Bike Week events.

4th of July

- The Town granted \$3,500.
- The funds went to infrastructure and marketing. Infrastructure was mainly portapotties, but a dumpster was also included. Marketing costs included branded swag.
- They guessed about 14,500 people were at the parade. Ladoulis thought the number of people had gone up, but the floats had gone down. He asked how they ensured people were interested enough to submit a float. Cress said they didn't exclude anyone, and the quality was pretty spectacular. She was not particularly concerned about quality.

Fat Bike Worlds

- The Town funded \$5,000, which went to a full-page ad in "Mountain Flyer," and Travel Crested Butte put together a clip to use to promote the event in the future.
- It was a massive event and undertaking, and it ended up being extraordinarily successful.
- They gained Chamber members because of the event.
- Schmidt wondered if the concert was worth it, and Cress agreed it was.

CB3P

- The Town funded \$2,000, and they spent the money on marketing.
- This year was the biggest year ever, with a strong contingency of people from the Front Range.
- Event proceeds went back to a non-profit, which was Mountain Roots this year.

Light Up Night

- They didn't apply for funds last year.
- She described the festivities that were part of the event.

Related to financials, Cress said the biggest thing to note was that events were doing really well. The bottom line was that in three years they were 300% better than they were in 2013 thanks to the hard work of Ochs and the Board. Cress also cited their cleaning budget and bathrooms, and asked for help from the Town. Michel wondered how Cress would generate motivation for businesses to participate (as Chamber members). Cress described what they provided to businesses and stated they were in much better standing than what they had been in previously.

Mason questioned where the note was to Community Banks. David Clayton, treasurer, stated it was currently paid off. He said it was more of a timing issue than needed for funding. He explained they were using less each year and drawing it down later in the year. They had been making traction to pull things back. They were planning to keep the line of credit to bridge during slow periods.

Cress asked that Mitchell be officially appointed to represent the Town on the Chamber Board for transparent communication.

3) Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding a Letter to BLM on Oh Be Joyful Campground.

Yerman explained the BLM wanted comments back before June 15. He tried to condense the ideas he heard from the Council into the letter. He asked if the Council wanted any changes. Schmidt didn't see anything in the letter about maximizing the number of campsites. Yerman confirmed he would include in the letter that they wanted BLM to strive to maximize the number of camping sites while not diluting the overall visitor experience. Ladoulis thought they needed to be careful about density, and maximize might be hard to quantify. The Council discussed the wording, and Yerman explained the letter was being entered into the public record for planning. Michel said the takeaway was they were happy the BLM was stepping up. Yerman confirmed he was adding the comment on maximizing campsites.

Schmidt moved and Mitchell seconded a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter to the BLM. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

LEGAL MATTERS

Belkin had been working on day-to-day items with Staff.

The Council discussed when they should review Belkin. They decided on Tuesday, July 5 from 3PM to 5PM.

COUNCIL REPORTS UPDATES AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Laura Mitchell

- Had been going to VRBO meetings, and they were trying to figure out their focus.
- She missed the last Chamber meeting.

Roland Mason

- Attended a Mountain Express meeting. They talked about summer service to Gothic. They didn't want to jeopardize programming for the children, so Mountain Express chose to continue the service. The goal was to meet at the end of summer to determine the plan for next year.
- Mountain Express had made it clear to the Forest Service that they would expand if improvements were made to the road. However, expanded service would be on the chopping block if funding couldn't be maintained with sales tax.
- Ken Lodovico, from Mt. Crested Butte, was named the vice-chair of Mountain Express.
- In Telluride, the city purchased leases on condos for employee housing. It had been difficult to get new drivers to start, and he suggested talking to the Housing Authority to see if there was partnership potential. Yerman explained that

Mountain Express employees were essential service providers, and he thought they had second priority after full-time Town employees for housing.

- Mason mentioned a large driver pool in Alaska. Mountain Express would provide them drivers in the summer, and they would pick up some of theirs in the winter. Mountain Express would need to provide short-term housing.

Jim Schmidt

- Attended the short-term rental committee meeting. They would be having another meeting this week.
- Had been involved with the Creative District. The main focus was on the tour for the people who came from Denver to check out the Creative District. They should make a decision by July 1.
- The Cemetery Committee did clean up in the chapel and around the outside before Memorial Day. They were also using the weed policy and treating some weeds with chemical and others with naturalistic weed killer. They would see results after a couple of years.
- More monuments would be stabilized. They were also considering a more reasonable monument for the Jokerville Mine disaster, which could come up during budget.
- Anthracite Place was to be finished by July 11. There was a delay in work as the contractor finished another project with an earlier deadline. However, they had been moving on the inside, and they were still shooting for a move in date of July 18. Out of 47 applicants, about 20 were qualified.
- Western State had apartment like units that would be released for non-student workers.

Glenn Michel

- He would be gone for the next meeting, and Mason would run it.
- Presented at the Chamber's economic indicators meeting.
- He would attend a community builders task force meeting on Thursday for the One Valley Prosperity Project.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Council agreed that Mitchell would be the Town Council's representative on the Chamber Board.

Schmidt said that since Michel wouldn't make it to the CAST meeting, he would attend if Mason couldn't. Mason agreed that Schmidt should attend. Crank was attending, too.

Vohman brought plastic plates to the CBMBA barbeque last week, and they were a huge hit. She wanted events to reduce waste.

Vohman mentioned they were having a showing of "Bag It." She described what the plastic bag committee had been doing. Ladoulis wondered if they had a work session coming up. He wondered if they were prepared to consider a bag tax versus bag ban.

They could learn from the process in California. He asked if they were looking into ways it had been implemented. Belkin said he put together a presentation for the group. He asked if they were looking for comparison to different states. Ladoulis hoped the purpose would come from the work session. He wanted to evaluate public policy and the right way to address it in the community. Belkin said they would get a full roll out in the work session.

Merck asked if dogs were allowed or banned at the Farmers Market and what it meant as far as serving food. People were concerned there were more dogs than people. Belkin could see an issue with dogs around the vicinity of food. The question was if dogs were allowed and how it worked with food. Michel said they needed to know if dogs were allowed per the permit and if there were any legal ramifications with foodstuff. Stanford said dogs had not been addressed in the special event application. Belkin would work with Crank to determine the implications of dogs in the area of food service.

DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- Monday, June 20, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- Tuesday, July 5, 2016 – 6:00PM Work Session – 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, July 18, 2016 – 7:00PM Regular Council

In response to Stanford's question during Staff Updates, Schmidt agreed that if there was an issue the Council should have a work session. There would only be three Alpenglows they would potentially miss.

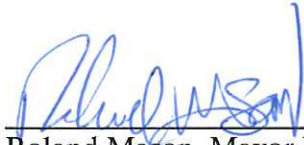
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schmidt moved and Merck seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) relative to certain Town recreational easements and the limitations of Section 33-41-103, of the C.R.S.

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:11PM. Council returned to open meeting at 9:55PM. Mayor Michel made the required announcement before returning to open meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Michel adjourned the meeting at 9:57PM.



Roland Mason, Mayor Pro Tem



Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

(SEAL)

